

Mont. 17-8-2

c.1870-1890

Mary (Genus) Davis House

Poolesville vicinity, Jonesville community

Private

This simply designed frame house of one room down and one room up is one of the oldest houses of a landowning Black family to remain standing in upper western Montgomery. It is still occupied by a descendant of the Genus family, the family that purchased this property in the late 1800's and that helped to found the community of Jonesville.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Mary Davis House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Southeast side of Jonesville Rd.

CITY, TOWN
Poolesville (Jonesville)

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE
Md.

COUNTY
Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mary A. Davis Heirs

Telephone #: 301-349-5292

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1, Box 213C

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20837

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Registry of Deeds

Liber #: Admins. 16110

Folio #:

Property MAP: CT343
P. 689

STREET & NUMBER

County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one and a half story house stood on the west side of the old Jonesville Road. Today much of the site is surrounded by woods on the east and south sides, and to the north stands the house of Elmer Jones. This house is still occupied by Charlie Turner, one of the descendants of the original owners, and he recalls much of the family history.

The house faces the south. Its exterior is now sheathed with tarpaper siding in a "stonework pattern" and is placed over weatherboard siding. The facade contains two bays, a door centrally located and a window to the west. Overall, the exterior is plain and without significant decorative details.

The interior contains one room down and one up. The interior is now filled with family mementos and furnishings, along with personal possessions of Charlie Turner who lives here alone. A wood cook stove is in the east gable end, piped into a brick stove flue. A straight ladder leads to the upstairs.

It consists of one room and now contains a lot of family things. The rafters are joined with machine cut nails with machine cut heads, as are the frames of the windows. Since these appear to be original construction, the house was built after 1830.

To the front of the house has been added a screened-in porch. The yard in front of the house had several fruit trees; no doubt the families canned the fruit for use in the winter, or stored them in kilns.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1870-1890 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to family tradition, this tract was purchased by Mary Davis, the grandmother of the present occupant. The property is now owned by her heirs. It was conveyed to these heirs by Lucy E. Turner in Administration case #16110. In the real inventory VMB 183/74, the place was said to contain "one acre more or less with a substandard 2 room dwelling, that did not have a basement, heat, water, or septic system."

No early deed could be found that was related to this site to give the date of purchase by Mary Davis. See attached research notes.

According to Mrs. Elmer Jones and Ora Lyles from Jerusalem, Mary Davis's first husband was Amos Genus, and by that marriage her children were Horace, Sam, and Lucy Genus. She later married Frank Davis. In the 1900 census for Montgomery County, E.D. 52, p. 11B (see research notes), Mary Davis is listed as married to James F. Davis, and with her are living two "grandchildren," Horace Genus, and Lulu Genus born in 1880 and 1874 respectively.

^ mistake or may well have been grandchildren in fact, family tradition probably considered them her own children since she and her husband raised them. Mary Davis was listed as having been born in 1847 and her husband in 1845, so they were born and raised during slavery. Whether they were slaves or free Blacks is not known at this point, but they did escape tenancy and became landowners themselves.

Horace Genus built a two story frame house on property near this house, while his sister Lucy continued to live in this house. Her son, Charlie Turner, lives in the house today, so three generations of the same family have lived here. It is rich in family history. It was probably built in the years soon after freedom, in the 1870's or early 1880's.

Charlie Turner has a rich collection of family pictures important to the history of the Jonesville community. They have been copied. They are in bad condition and need better protection.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land records
 Montgomery County Courthouse
 Rockville, Md.
 (Admins. 16110)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

Sept. 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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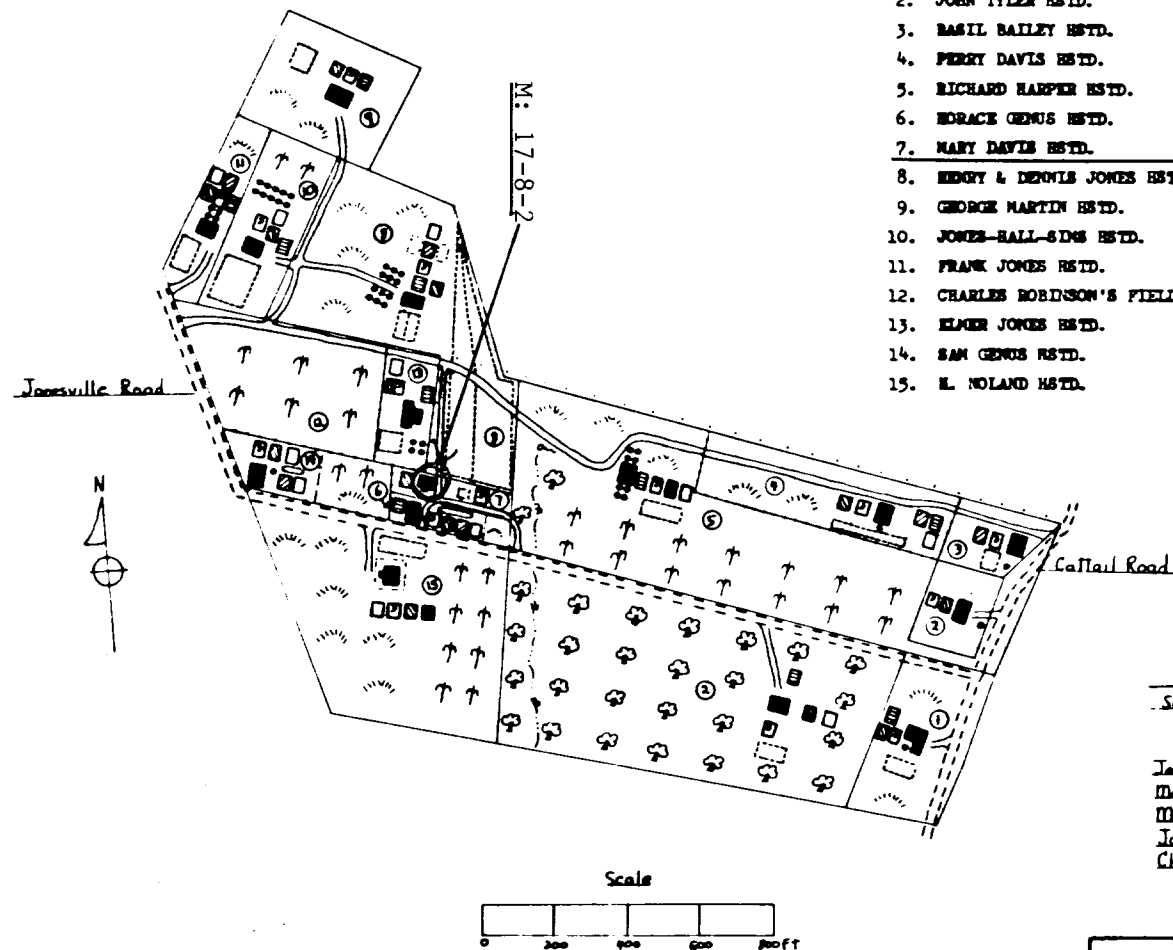
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PRYK	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
BEE HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/YARD HOUSE	
PIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
CORNFIELD	
RAY FIELD	
ORCHARD	
FOREST	
THICKET	
WELL	
SPRING	
STREAM	
POND	
PARCEL BOUNDARY	
FENCED PARCEL BDY.	
FENCE	
DIRT ROAD	
LANE	
PATH	
STREAM FLOW	

DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

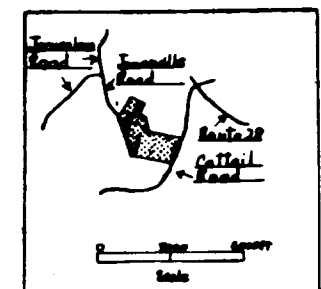


Key

1. SOLOMON OWENS HSTD.	2.50 AC.
2. JOHN TYLER HSTD.	10.66 AC.
3. BASIL BAILEY HSTD.	1.75 AC.
4. PERRY DAVIS HSTD.	3.00 AC.
5. RICHARD HARPER HSTD.	8.25 AC.
6. HORACE GENUIS HSTD.	1.00 AC.
7. MARY DAVIS HSTD.	1.00 AC.
8. HENRY & DEONIE JONES HSTD.	5.76 AC.
9. GEORGE MARTIN HSTD.	2.50 AC.
10. JONES-BALL-SIMS HSTD.	2.00 AC.
11. FRANK JONES HSTD.	1.13 AC.
12. CHARLES ROBINSON'S FIELD	3.00 AC.
13. ELMER JONES HSTD.	1.00 AC.
14. SAM GENUIS HSTD.	1.50 AC.
15. E. NOLAND HSTD.	7.75 AC.

Source
Steven Doolittle
Supplement Regional Trails

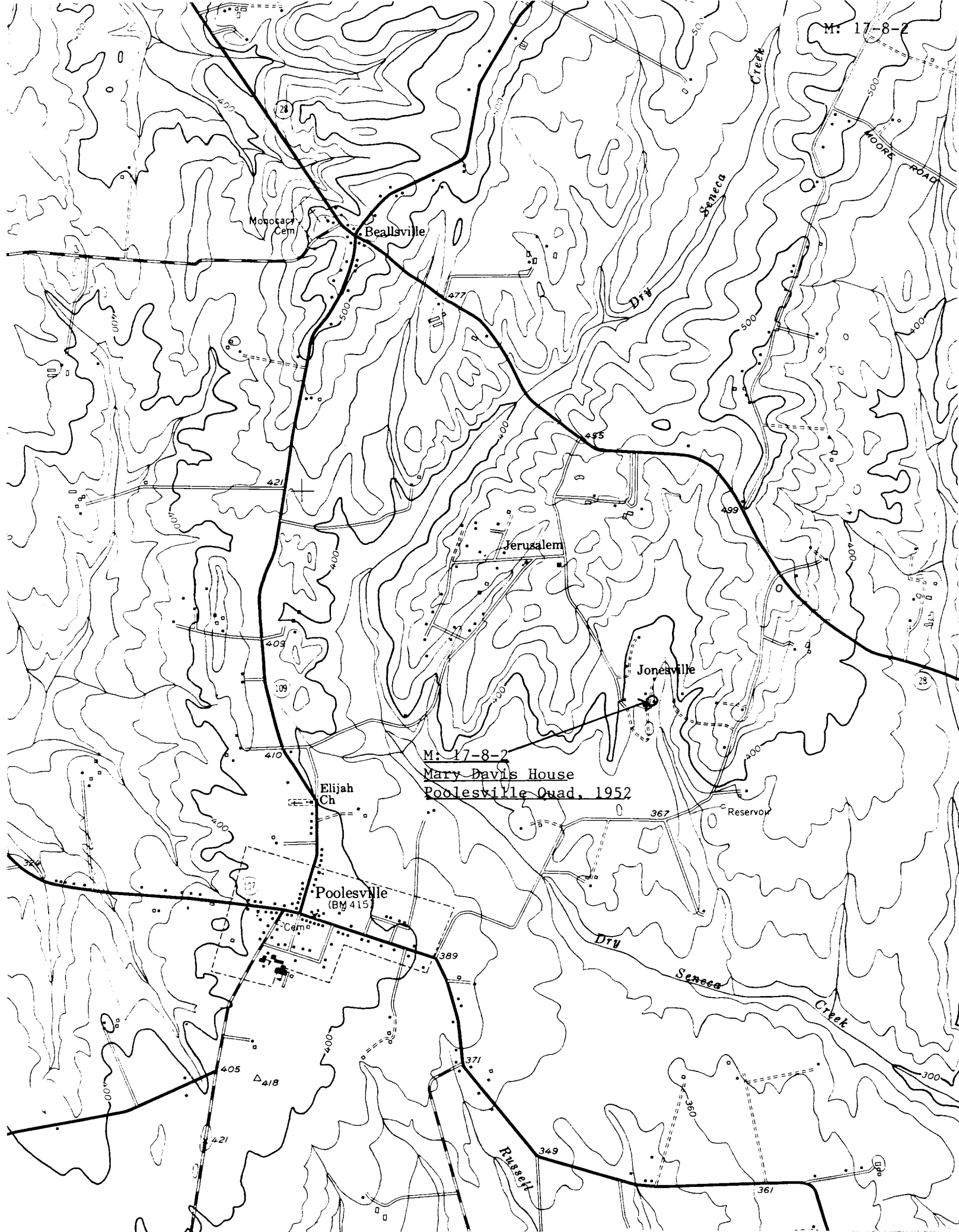
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Joseph Harper
Martha Johnson
Mary Reed
John Sims
Charlie Turner



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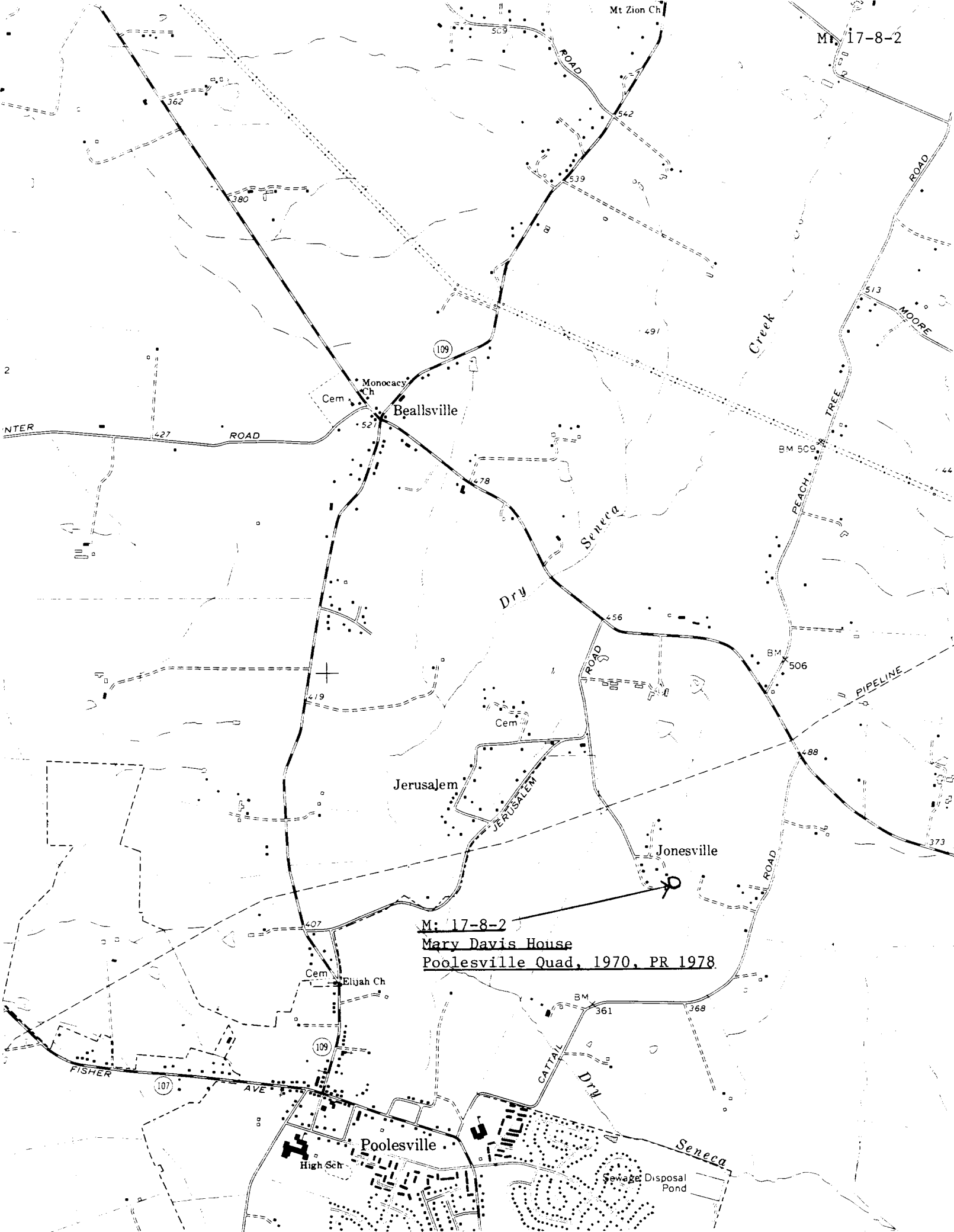
JONESVILLE COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

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Mary Davis House
Poolesville Quad. 1952

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Mary Davis House

Poolesville Quad, 1970, PR 1978



Mary Davis (General House w/ Charlie
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S.W. Elev.

Jonesville

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Mary Davis House

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Rear length: North

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Mary Davis House

W. View with Charlie
Turner

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Anne Lewis



Charlie Turner, (Mary Davis House)
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